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Amendments To the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown.

1. (currently amended) A Communication system for establishing a broadband connection between two or more subscribers (~~A-Tln, B-Tln~~) by ~~means of~~ switches (~~A-Vst, B-Vst~~) in a communication network, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said switches (~~A-Vst, B-Vst~~), on receiving a request from a calling subscriber (~~A-Tln~~) to establish a broadband connection, the switches set up a minimum connection between said subscribers (~~A-Tln, B-Tln~~) and, once the minimum connection has been put into operation by the subscribers (~~B-Tln~~), establish the required broadband connection.
2. (currently amended) A Communication system according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a data stream determined by the calling subscriber (~~A-Tln~~) is transmitted via the minimum connection.
3. (currently amended) A Communication system according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein one of the subscribers (~~A-Tln, B-Tln~~) first initiates the establishment of a minimum connection and thereafter the establishment of a the broadband connection.
4. (currently amended) A Communication system according to ~~one of~~ Claims 1 ~~to 3~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein subscribers (~~A-Tln~~) are charged as early as the broadband connection setup phase.
5. (currently amended) A Communication system according to Claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the establishment of the broadband connection has a higher priority in the communication network than the establishment of broadband connections which are not charged for during the broadband connection setup phase.

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6. (currently amended) A Method for establishing a broadband connection between two or more subscribers (~~A-Tln, B-Tln~~) in a communication network, ~~characterized by the following steps comprising: establishment of~~

establishing a minimum connection between the subscribers (~~A-Tln, B-Tln~~) by the a plurality of switches involved (~~A-Vst, B-Vst~~) at the request of a subscriber (~~A-Tln~~) to establish a broadband connection, ~~and establishment; and~~

establishing of a broadband connection between the subscribers (~~A-Tln, B-Tln~~) by the switches involved after the minimum connection has been put into operation by the subscribers (~~B-Tln~~).

7. (currently amended) A Method according to Claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a data stream determined by the calling subscriber (~~A-Tln~~) is transmitted via the minimum connection.

8. (currently amended) A Method according to Claim 6, ~~or 7 characterized in that~~ wherein a calling subscriber (~~A-Tln~~) first initiates the establishment of a minimum connection and thereafter the establishment of the broadband connection.

9. (currently amended) A Method for charging for a broadband connection between two or more subscribers in a communication network, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein subscribers (~~A-Tln~~) are charged even during the broadband connection setup phase.

10. (currently amended) A Method according to Claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the establishment of the broadband connection has a higher priority in the communication network than the establishment of broadband connections which are not charged for during the broadband connection setup phase.

11. (new) A communication system according to Claim 2, wherein one of the subscribers first initiates the establishment of a minimum connection and thereafter the establishment of a broadband connection.

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12. (new) A communication system according to Claim 2, wherein subscribers are charged as early as the broadband connection setup phase.

13. (new) A communication system according to Claim 3, wherein subscribers are charged as early as the broadband connection setup phase.

14. (new) A method according to Claim 7, wherein a calling subscriber first initiates the establishment of a minimum connection and thereafter the establishment of the broadband connection.